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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: HAHNE et al

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For: Device For Moistening A Material Web

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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION AND PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 22, 2001

Sir:

This is in response to the communication mailed September 21, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to have the paper submitted October 6, 2000 properly treated as a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP00/05478.

On October 6, 2000, applicants submitted the papers necessary for entering the national stage in connection with International Application No. PCT/EP00/05478. However, applicants did not provide the international application number at the time of filing the papers on October 6, 2000 (although the international application number was provided to the PCT Branch subsequently). However, applicants identified the international application by claimed priority date, title of invention and inventors. In

addition, applicants submitted a copy of the international application, as filed. By virtue of the claimed priority date, title, inventors and the copy of the international application, as filed, it is clear that the papers filed on October 6, 2000 demonstrate that the subject application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP00/05478. A copy of International Publication No. WO 01/28693 corresponding to PCT/EP00/05478 is attached for the convenience of the PCT Legal Office.

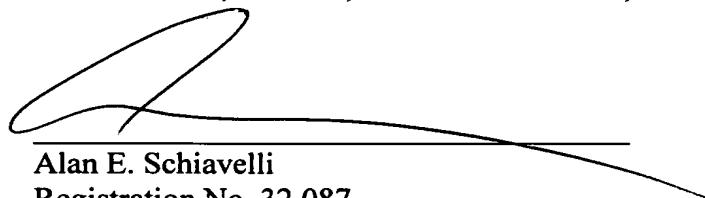
Accordingly, applicants petition for the subject application to be treated as a national stage application of PCT/EP00/05478.

A credit card payment form to cover the petition fee of \$130.00 is attached.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 320.38785X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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